



DMVA

North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

ON POINT NEWSLETTER

March 2021 Newsletter

Thank you for Subscribing...

In this month's edition of On Point, COVID-19 remains the top priority and a main focus as the Department aims to point veterans, active duty service members, and their families towards resources they need.

DMVA On Point Newsletter highlights the Department's month of activities and profiles partner agencies, departments, and community activities centered around helping the state of North Carolina's active duty military community and veteran population. Check out the website at www.milvets.nc.gov

Department visit to MOTSU

Last week, Secretary Walter Gaskin and DMVA staff met with COL. William Arnold, commander of the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU). This introductory meeting between leaders focused on information sharing, building lines of communication and identifying areas of mutual interest.

MOTSU serves as a strategic shipping and military hub for the US military and is one of North Carolina's treasured military assets. The initial meeting between MOTSU and NCDMVA set the tone for a stable foundation of future collaborations.

Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point is the largest military terminal in the world. It serves as a transfer point between rail, trucks, and ships for the import and export of weapons, ammunition, explosives and military equipment for United States Army.

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A rare peek at one of many MOTSU docks Photo: Wilmington Star-News



DMVA Installations Coordinator Chris Moore & Inter-Agency Coordinator Greg Bethea



Higher Risk People in Group 4 Eligible for COVID Vaccine

Starting March 17



North Carolina has [announced](#) changes to when people in Group 4 will become eligible to receive a vaccination for COVID-19.

Beginning **March 17**, people in [Group 4](#) who have a medical condition that puts them at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness and those who live in certain congregate settings will be eligible for vaccination. The rest of Group 4, which includes other essential workers, will become eligible **April 7**.

For a deeper look [Click Here](#)

Women's History Month

Well over 200,000 women serve on active duty in the U.S. military.

[A Collection of Women's History through Photos and Documents on Flickr \(National Archives\)](#)

In recognition of Women's History Month and the many contributions of women to military history, and well beyond, we take a look at these brave, courageous and



Part of the cowling for one of the motors for a B-25 bomber is assembled in the engine department of North American's Inglewood, Calif. plant., 10/1942 - Franklin D. Roosevelt Library Public Domain

hardworking souls through the lens of many photos from the National Archives.

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A Goldsboro Barbecue Rockstar Legacy Continues

NC DMVA State veteran home in Kinston, has a resident well know to North Carolinians, state politicians and beloved by many barbecue lovers nationwide. At the age of 90 years old, Wilber Shirley is no longer flipping the hot, smoky coals of Wilber's Barbecue but, enjoying the plush recliners at an award-winning retirement facility just outside of Goldsboro. Read about one of the biggest names in barbecue, and this loved, well respected U.S. Veteran.



NCSVH - Kinston Resident Wilber Shirley - *Photo: Our State Magazine*

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Special Attention

The Veterans Support Specialist

The Veteran Support Specialist (VSS)



Program will be administered virtually for the first time since its 2015 inception. Classes begin April 8th - 9th. Program goals include:

- Increasing the ability to serve veterans in a more holistic manner, understanding needs and identifying resources beyond VA Benefits and Healthcare.
- Improve one-on-one interaction with veterans by teaching relationship-building skills gleaned from the Peer Support methodology.
- Assist veteran service officers and technicians in engaging vets directly and “walk them through what can be a fragmented system of care.”
- Improve understanding of veteran needs, learn what challenges they face, and which resources are in high demand.

This first iteration of virtual training space is limited, however; notification of future classes will be posted.



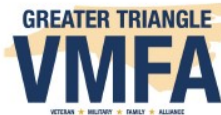
Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Team

April 7th through April 8th, the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Team will continue efforts with the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Technical Assistance Center, by kicking off 2021 with an implementation academy.



NCDMVA VSOs

NCDMVA VSOs continue to telework with high levels of success in implementing new technologies to assist in serving the veteran population. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been retroactively awarded in 2021. The Department continues to master new techniques in serving veterans.



2021 DRIVE-THROUGH
VETERAN & SERVICE MEMBER
RESOURCE FAIR

WE INVITE VENDORS TO JOIN US



WHEN: APRIL 10, 2021

TIME: 11 AM- 2 PM

WHERE: CREE | WOLFSPEED
4600 SILICON DRIVE
DURHAM, NC 27703

CLICK HERE FOR VENDOR REGISTRATION



COVID-19 COMPLIANT

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Wake Tech CC/NC State
University

Topic: Employment

Date: March 30, 2021

Hosts: Marilyn Terrill, Wake
Technical Community College, and
Nick Drake, NC State University

Contact: meterrill@waketech.edu

PBS-NC Broadcast: 10-11am

Career Fair: 11-2pm



Central Piedmont
Community College

Topic: Whole Health and Wellness

Host: Richard Bartell, Central
Piedmont Community College

Contact: Richard.Bartell@cpcc.edu

Date: April 29, 2021

Time: 10:00 to 11:15 am



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Events

March 2021 Events

- Mar 16 [USO Nutrition Month Challenge](#)
- Mar 16 [Hire Heroes USA Employer Spotlight: Amazon Careers in Operations](#)
- Mar 17 [Patriots Path Mock Interview](#)
- Mar 18 [Hire Heroes USA Service to Success: Women Veterans](#)
- Mar 20 [Bridge II Sports Cycling Archery Air Rifle Events](#)
- Mar 22 [Hire Heroes Employer Spotlight: Home Depot Careers for Vet & Mil Spouses](#)
- Mar 23 [Transitioning Army and Spouse Virtual Career Fair](#)
- Mar 23 [USO Nutrition Month Challenge](#)
- Mar 24 [Virtual NC Veterans Coffee](#)
- Mar 25 [NC Governors Working Group, Raleigh](#)
- Mar 25 [USOs Coffee with Samantha Busch](#)
- Mar 26 [NC4ME Hiring Event](#)
- Mar 27 [Bridge II Sports Cycling Archery Air Rifle Events](#)
- Mar 30 [PMFF Scholarship Package Due](#)
- Mar 30 [NC STRIVE, NCSU and WTCC](#)
- Mar 31 [Hire Heroes USA Federal Strategy Session for Alumni REGISTER](#)

DMVA Public Service Announcement

Cemeteries

Interments scheduled on or after January 22, will be offered the option of a committal service at the time of interment. Military funeral honors, customarily provided by the Department of Defense and volunteer honor guards, will be based on local availability.

Listed below are guidelines to follow until further notice. Please advise your local funeral homes regarding these changes.

- Services are 30 minutes, Monday – Friday, at 10am, 12pm, 2pm. Family and attendees must exit the cemetery at the conclusion of the service.
- Caskets & urns must be thoroughly disinfected before entering the cemetery.
- Up to 50 attendees are permitted at committal services. This does include funeral staff or Military Honor Guards.
- Cemetery chairs or podium will not be placed at the committal area.
- Next of Kin information will be given to funeral staff.
- Attendees aren't permitted to handle or touch caskets or urns before, during or after the service.
- Attendees not of the same household must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from each other. Masks and frequent use of hand sanitizer are required. Sick individuals are asked not to attend.
- Funeral flower arrangements are not permitted to be left during the committal service, but, families or funeral staff may place one arrangement after all services for the day.
- Attendees must depart the cemetery at half past the hour.
- Families may continue to choose direct interment and opt for a memorial service at later date when restrictions have been lifted.

NC DMVA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Operations & Procedures

The NC Department of Military And Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all veterans, their families, our staff and the general public during this pandemic. The Department is committed to providing updates on a continuing basis and will make changes to operations and procedures as we monitor the outbreak.

See here direct links to [Governor Cooper's office](#), and the North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services [COVID-19 dashboard](#). Please continue to monitor these websites and stay vigilant as this crisis still unfolds.

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The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NC DMVA) supports both active and reserve uniformed military personnel and their families; military installations and communities; and military veterans and their families in North Carolina. The Department seeks to provide timely and responsive engagement to enhance NC's current military and veteran friendly environment. In addition, the Department also seeks to foster and promote business, technology, transportation, education, economic development, and healthcare for the above communities. Lastly, the Department works to accomplish these services by providing assistance and coordination between the Federal Government, the State of NC, its political subdivisions, and collaborative and supporting agencies.

